

688th Session
Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
November 27, 2007

The rescheduled meeting of November 27, 2007 was held at the Board Office, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 119 in the State Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut.

Anthony L D'Andrea, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Attending the meeting were John DeWolf (1) PE, John Hallisey (2) PE, Terry McCarthy (3) PE Anthony L D'Andrea (4) PELS, Robert L Doane (5) PELS, Edward Farrell (6) PM, Al Regina (7) PM, Rocco V Laraia (8) PM, T. Mark Barbieri (9) PM, Curtiss B Smith (11) LS and Robert W Grossenbacher (12) LS.

Absent was William O Giel (10) LS

Also present were Steven Schwane, attorney for the Department of Consumer Protection, Peter Huntsman, Asst. Attorney General and Barbara Syp-Maziarz, Board Administrator.

Guests: Commissioner Jerry Farrell and Paul Brady, CSPE

Commissioner Farrell swore in Al Regina and T Mark Barbieri as public members to the Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

Mr. Grossenbacher was excused at 11:10 am

Mr. Smith was excused at 11:10 am

CHRO- Applications-None

Legal Division- Atty. Steven Schwane

Proposed 2008 legislation –The department is waiting for the status reports from the Office of Policy and Management and the governor's office as to whether or not they will support legislation.

Regulations proposed by State Library (filing of maps) -The contact person advised Atty. Schwane that there were some technical defects and therefore was republished and should be listed in the Connecticut Law Journal on January 22, 2008. This gives a 30-day window of opportunity to make any comments. Chairman D'Andrea stated that with the assistance of Curt Smith, they exchanged comments to this proposal and will forward those comments to Atty. Schwane

A-Correspondence Received

A-1 Letter dated October 22, 2007 from John R Conte P.E., town engineer for the town of Weston. Re: Question to the Board is can an individual who is not licensed as a professional engineer with no training in the field of civil engineering be a supervisor in a

department that requires an individual to have a certification as a licensed professional engineer. (Dist. 2)

The Board's discussion determined that the job description does not have any requirement for the individual to be an engineer.

Motion made by (1) seconded by (8) to respond to John Conte that the individual performing the duties as the Director of Land Use Services in accordance with the job description, would not require an engineer license. Motion carried.

A-2 Letter from CALS dated October 24, 2007. Re: Participation of EPS committee meetings. (Dist. 3)

Chairman D'Andrea stated that if the land surveyor members of the Board are unable to participate, then they will forward the name of Jason Racette as a participant.

A-3 NCEES Zone Update dated October 2007 (Dist. 4)

For information only, no action required.

A-4 Memo from NCEES dated November 1, 2007 (Dist. 2) Re: Notice of future changes to NCEES examinations and supporting materials. (Dist. 2)

For information only, no action required.

D-New Business

D-1 Board meeting dates for the year 2008 (Dist. 4)

January 22, 2008

February 19, 2008

April 8, 2008

June 10, 2008

July 15, 2008

August 12, 2008

October 14, 2008

November 18, 2008

Motion made by (5) seconded by (8) to accept the meeting dates for 2008. Motion carried.

D-2 Corporate Table- Update regarding the registration for the Joint Practice of Architecture , Engineering & Land Surveying (Dist. 4)

Assistant Attorney General Peter Huntsman stated that Chapter 594a, Sections 33-182a through 33-182l authorizes the formation of professional corporations. Atty. Huntsman stated that Chapter 594a does not authorize PCs for the joint practice of architecture and land surveying, or engineering and land surveying. Therefore, land surveying can not be listed as a PC for the joint practice for architecture and/or engineering.

E-Applications

The following applications were approved by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, & 12 except as noted.

Permit CL 1 Exam-Credit Part 1

Higgins, Joseph D-EIT from CT
Mezher, Jad-EIT from MA
Morelli, Frank A-EIT from CT
Zimyeski, Melanie S-EIT from CT
Vasamsetti, Ramakrishnaraju-EIT from SD

Souza, Benjamin J-EIT from MI-Deny-Must show 4 years of engineering experience-Board recognized 2 years and 8 months- May be eligible for 10/08 exam if continues to work in the same capacity.

Permit CL 1A Exam-Waive Part 1

Kamel, Adel

Permit CL 2 Exam-Credit Part 1 & II-Approve License

Ninnisai, Kraiwoot-Passed EIT & PE in NY- Tabled from 8/16/07 and 10/16/07 meetings for interpretation from Legal Counsel whether the Board is going against immigration laws when approving licenses from other states, such as New York which has a citizenship clause. (Dist. 2)

Transfer CL 1A to CL 2-Permit CL 2 Exam-Credit Parts 1 & 2-Approve CL 2 License

Eskander, Ayman F-Passed FE-DE Passed PE-CA

Permit CL 2 Exam

Zamora, Wuilder H-
Gomez, Rico P
Sazanovitch, Nadziezhda –Deny-Lack of appropriate engineering experience

Permit CL 2 Exam-Credit Part 1

Amray, Muhammad F-EIT from NY

Transfer from CL 4 to CL 1-Permit CL 1 Exam

Scott, David M –**Table for verification of passing NCEES- FE & PE exams**

Approve CL 4 License

Ablay, Joe E –**Subject to verification of current license**

Beighle, Trent E

Bolan, Timothy W

DiGrande, John T

Gupta, Vijay –**Deny under class 4-did not sit and pass the FE Exam**

Haugh, Jeremy A

Kocur, Daniel A

McClure, Daniel D

Muliawan, Teddy T

Murphy, Edward J

Salah, Rami A–**Deny-not currently registered or licensed in any of the jurisdictions**

Tess, Robert J

Bigbie, Mark N

Campbell, Daniel R –**Deny based on date of degree granted-**

Cunningham, James L

Ishikura, Ko

Kell, Jay W

Lanne, Stephen C

Londono, Jorge

Petraglia, Kenneth J

Reed, Samuel J

Smith, Steven J

Topliff, Ross S

Treyger, Aleksandr L

Becker, John C

Boldy, Raymond A

Breese, William R –**Subject to verification of current license**

Kendall II, Phillip E

Lawson, Jeffrey L

Medina, Robert

Vickery, Chadwick M

Brauer, Richard J

Fettinger, Paul J

Mielke, Mark D–**Table for expansion of experience record**

Sudler, Samuel G

Swanson, Christine A
Banks, Paul J
Bunkers, Gary L
Hardy, Justin R
Meharg III, Robert J
Mirizzi, Scott A
Morrison, Alex S
Quigley, Stephen M (Tabled from 10/16/07 for verification of FE Exam) **Deny under class 4-did not sit and pass the FE Exam**
Rohe, Jason A
Stanfill, Joseph C
Verma, Rahul

Permit CL 9 Exam

Abrams, Michael E (Yale)
Baker, Lowell L (MIT)
Cui, Xiao (Ph.D U of Florida)
Kim, Jeong-Ho (Ph.D U of Illinois)
Maloney, Andrew J (U of Hartford)
Vignali, Mark G (Worcester Polytech)

Permit CL 9s Exam

Erdem, Ibrahim (Ph.D Cornell)

Permit CL 10 Exam

Lusitani, Paul A

Approve CL 9 License

Bottacari, Steven C (UConn)
Burgess, Jason T (UConn)
Cherpak, Michael (Merrimack College)
Dollard, Joseph (U of New Haven)
Garcia, Anizka M (UConn)
Giel, David M (UConn)
Granucci, David V (UConn)
Janeiro, Raymond P (U of New Haven)
Martin, Gayende K (UConn)
Martin, Ryan D (UConn)
Nichols, Jenna E (UConn)
Porter, Michael J (U of Hartford)
Sarcia III, Joseph F (U of Hartford)

Shores, Christopher A (UConn)
Thurlow, Peter A (UConn)

Approve CL 10 License

Walton, James F

Approve Certificate of Authorization for the Corporate Practice of Engineering

SEI Companies, Inc.

88 Black Falcon Avenue Suite 210
Boston MA 02210
Professional Engineers licensed in CT
PE# 21227 George Dabney
PE# 20557 Robert Gracilieri

Stroud, Pence & Associates, Ltd

5032 Rouse Drive, Suite 200
Virginia Beach VA 23462
Professional Engineer licensed in CT
PE# 24170 Edward W Pence, Jr.

Telgian Corporation

11230 Sorrento Valley Road #225
San Diego CA 92121
Professional Engineers licensed in CT
PE# 24211 John Campbell
PE# 19603 Tracey Bellamy
PE# 24275 Robert Woodard

Polaris Consulting Engineers, PC

214 W Main Street Suite 208
Moorestown NJ 08057
Professional Engineers licensed in CT
PE# 23256 Michael L Wilson-60 shares
PE# 23630 Anthony J Scalamandre-40 shares

Approve Certificate of Authorization for the Joint Practice of Architecture and Professional Engineering

SFCS of Connecticut Inc

305 South Jefferson Street
Roanoke VA 24011
Professional Engineer & Architect licensed in CT
PE# 24999 Tye Campbell- 50 shares
ARI# 10953 Curtis R Jennings, Jr. 50 shares

F-Complaints

F-1 Complaint #2006-7564 The complaint alleges that an environmental company performed engineering work on storm water drainage systems. (Dist. 2)

Mark Austin assisted the Department with this investigation and felt that the activities of the company did not constitute engineering. The Board determined that there was not a violation of the regulations, because the respondent was dealing with the environmental elements rather than the engineering.

Motion made by (3) seconded by (5) to dismiss the complaint. Motion carried.

F-2 Complaint against a land surveyor alleging that the land surveyor failed to include a right-of way for a driveway on subdivision plans submitted to a zoning board. Mr. Richard Martel, a volunteer from the CALS list stepped down to review the complaint. (Dist. 3)

Motion made by (11) seconded by (12) to dismiss the complaint with a Letter of Caution. Motion carried.

FF-Complaints

FF-1 Docket No. 07-402-In the Matter of Pool Engineers, LLC. Re: Final Decision and Order (Dist. 2)

G-Other Items-

Immigration laws in regards to Connecticut PE & LS applications-

The Board has received numerous applications from the state of New York that have allowed applicants to sit for the national exams in New York, but will not grant a license in their state until they have met the requirement of being a US citizen or as an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States (green card). The Board has questioned whether Connecticut is in violation of any laws when approving these applications for licensure.

Assistant Attorney General Peter Huntsman stated that the Board may grant a license to a resident alien. The issue is if they are illegally in the country, as long as they are in the country legally and hold a green card, the Board cannot deny these individuals to practice their profession.

The Board presented many scenarios to Attorney Huntsman for consideration. Attorney Huntsman stated that if the statutes in Connecticut do not require the Board to look for alien status or restrict the issuance of a license based on alien status, then the Board

would be required to grant that license. The Board cannot deny a legal alien licensure on the basis that they are not a US citizen.

Chairman D'Andrea stated that when he spoke with the administrator from the New York Board regarding these applications, the administrator stated that the individuals were not granted licenses because they do not have legal status. Therefore, since we have several applications from New York who have passed both NCEES exams in New York and have not been granted a New York license, is the Board permitted to inquire as to proof of alien status.

Atty. Huntsman advised the Board that there is no restriction to ask the question of the applicant why a license was not granted.

Motion made by (9) seconded by (6) to inquire from the applicant and the clerk of the New York Board as to why a New York license was not issued. Motion carried.

Policy- Board requires documentation in writing from the individual and State Board as to why a license was not issued after meeting the criteria for sitting and passing the NCEES exams.

Motion made by (1) and seconded by (5) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

The next meeting for the Board is scheduled for January 22, 2008.

Respectfully reviewed by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Anthony L D'Andrea, P.E. & L.S.
Chairman

Barbara Syp-Maziarz
Licensing & Applications Specialist

